TRIBUTE TO ROXANA DE LA RIVA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Roxana de la Riva as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month. Roxana de la Riva is a Mexican-American journalist covering information about Hispanic Community in Central Florida. She has over 18 years of experience in Hispanic journalism and professional writing. Recently, de la Riva returned to La Prensa, the oldest Hispanic Media in Central Florida, the outlet when she started her journalism career in the United States.

De la Riva was recently a volunteer in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, with CASA as Coordinator of Support Solidarity and Help, where she assisted distributing donation items and covering stories of the efforts. She is also a past member of AIPEH (The International Association of Hispanic Arts and Culture) a group of artists, poets and writers from Central Florida.

De la Riva was a vocational training mentor in journalism for youth female students, whose parents are immigrants and part of the Hope Community Center.

Although a reporter educated in traditional journalism, she has now adapted to the new way of mass communication and used her platform to reach a new audience through social media platforms.

De la Riva was a freelance writer with El Sentinel for 7 years, where she wrote for the website El Sentinel.com as well as the print edition. During her time at El Sentinel, she covered and researched a wide range of issues and assignments pertaining to the Central Florida community.

Prior to this experience of that she covered Breaking News for El Sol de la Florida. Most notably, she focused on the case of George Zimmerman and Trayvon Martin.

Educated in Mexico City School of Journalism Carlos Septién Garcia, the first Mexican educational institution of journalism, de la Riva arrived in the United States in 2002 and has since made Central Florida home.

GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS FROM OHIO

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Americans continue to die from gun violence while this House is on vacation. For more than a year, I’ve been coming to the House Floor to read the names of gun violence victims that this House—the People’s House—has failed by our inability to act and save lives.

To date, I’ve read 2,213 names. Each one of them, an American whose life and family have been immeasurably changed forever. And what has the response from this House been? Silence. Nothing but cold silence.

Do these names make my colleagues uncomfortable?

Do they remind them that real people are impacted by gun violence on a daily basis?

Do these names give them a moment of pause before they gleefully accept that next NRA check?

Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize gun violence victims from Ohio, a state that the NRA has poured tens of thousands of dollars into over this cycle.

These are the names of 163 Ohioans, from just four Congressional Districts, who’ve been impacted by gun violence.

These people have been shot, many have lost their lives, and still this House majority does nothing to prevent gun violence. The Majority only offers ‘thoughts and prayers’ while families continue to be torn apart. That’s just wrong.

Mr. Speaker, here are the names of those 163 Ohioans that this House has failed:

OHIO’S 17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1. Adrianna Jackson
2. Jovonta Johnston
3. Khmorra Helton, 8
4. Kaiden Helton, 6
5. Elijah Jaden Johnson, 1
6. Diana Hicks
7. Shawn D. Smith Jr.
8. Lamont M. Robinson
9. Christian Green, 2
10. Charles Vincent Ashford, 17
11. James Rutledge
12. Ronnie Bowers, 16
13. Devonta Hoskins, 17
14. Jawaad Jabbar, 16
15. Isaiah Haggins Jr., 16
16. Deandre Choice, 15
17. Melinda Pleskovic
18. Jeffrey Brennan
19. Steven Bonnell
20. Thomas Sams
21. Roberta R. John
22. Rogel E. John
23. David Milliken, 18
24. Robert Sposit
25. Emily Young
26. Cindy Gesaman
27. Christal Shaver
28. Randy Szychowicz
29. Randy L. Budd
30. Deshawn Trae McGee
31. Andre Nooks
32. Marcus Moon
33. Dwight Martin
34. Lee Watkins
35. Megan Boeck
36. Donald Rollins
37. Jimmy Chancellor

38. Charles Burnett Jr.
39. Adrian Days
40. Gregory J. Oldiges
41. Jamie N. Mathews
42. Randy L. Grimm
43. Melissa V. Nilson
44. Jonathan Scott Rogers, 21
45. Ronald C. Harris

OHIO’S 19TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

16. Cindy Gesaman
17. Christal Shaver
18. Emily Young
19. Roxy de la Riva as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month. Roxana de la Riva is a Mexican-American journalist covering information about Hispanic Community in Central Florida. She has over 18 years of experience in Hispanic journalism and professional writing. Recently, de la Riva returned to La Prensa, the oldest Hispanic Media in Central Florida, the outlet where she started her journalism career in the United States.

De la Riva was recently a volunteer in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, with CASA as Coordinator of Support Solidarity and Help, where she assisted distributing donation items and covering stories of the efforts. She is also a past member of AIPEH (The International Association of Hispanic Arts and Culture) a group of artists, poets and writers from Central Florida.

De la Riva was a vocational training mentor in journalism for youth female students, whose parents are immigrants and part of the Hope Community Center.

Although a reporter educated in traditional journalism, she has now adapted to the new way of mass communication and used her platform to reach a new audience through social media platforms.

De la Riva was a freelance writer with El Sentinel for 7 years, where she wrote for the website El Sentinel.com as well as the print edition. During her time at El Sentinel, she covered and researched a wide range of issues and assignments pertaining to the Central Florida community.

Prior to this experience of that she covered Breaking News for El Sol de la Florida. Most notably, she focused on the case of George Zimmerman and Trayvon Martin.

Educated in Mexico City School of Journalism Carlos Septién Garcia, the first Mexican educational institution of journalism, de la Riva arrived in the United States in 2002 and has since made Central Florida home.